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## Wilson Reports in Construction of DuPont Plant

### Chamber Commerce 650 Workers Are Now Employed

James D. Wilson, field project manager in charge of the DuPont plant here, told members of the Camden Chamber of Commerce at the annual meeting of that organization last Thursday that construction forces are nearing a peak with 650 workers now employed and he hoped to have the plant ready to begin operations in September.

Mr. Wilson said that the forces employed at the plant comprise the following trades: Boilermakers, carpenters, cement finishers, electricians, reinforcing iron workers, structural iron workers, laborers, millwrights, pipefitters, sheetmetal workers, masons, operating engineers, truck drivers, brick masons and roofers.

He said that the building or structural stage of the project well advanced and reasonable progress has been made in installation of manufacturing equipment, piping, electrical conduit and wiring. Some delays have been encountered, he said, account of set backs in delivery dates of process equipment and utilities materials.

The monthly payroll for the job, Mr. Wilson said, has reached six figures for several months past. Local business, he added, probably realizes the value of this construction payroll with its inherent buying power and its effect on business life of Camden. Several million dollars have already been spent in the area in the form of salaries, wages, and material charges, said Mr. Wilson.

Field project manager said the supply of labor, both skilled and unskilled, has been adequate at all times so far. The activity of workers in this has been satisfactory and quality of their work has been high grade.

Job conditions have been townspeople friendly and cooperative, state officials helpful employees are well satisfied with Camden as a place to live, he said.

Wilson said that weather conditions have been extremely favorable for the construction work.

At the risk of hurting some individual's feelings, Mr. Wilson in closing, "I am going to repeat to you some definitions, which came to hand recently and which, I believe, will help to allay the fears of certain who raise a great hue and cry about the evils of big business. The definitions were:

## Chamber Of Commerce Meeting South Carolina Termed State of Opportunity By Wiggins In Address

A composite, revealing picture of progress in South Carolina was presented by A. L. M. Wiggins, chairman of the board of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, well-known banker, industrialist and publisher, to members of the Camden Chamber of Commerce at the annual meeting of that organization on Thursday night in the Hunt Room of Sarafield hotel.

After discussing the state's industrial growth, the sound financial position of its excellent state government, the educational and agricultural progress which has been made, Mr. Wiggins declared that "the smaller communities of South Carolina afforded the best opportunity for abundant living that can be found anywhere."

He told the group that "a new era is awakening in this state that will mean progress and prosperity."

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L. W. Bishop, director of the State Planning, Research and Development Board, told the crowd it would thrill them to know how the Du Pont officials feel about the plant here. He said that he and the Governor had recently gone to Wilmington just to say "thank you" to the Du Pont officials for coming to South Carolina and they found them delight-

ed with the welcome that has been accorded them here.

In the business meeting of the organization, held following Mr. Wiggins' speech, five new members were elected to the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for the coming year. Those elected were: A. S. Llewellyn, Howard Speaks, Lee Mays, W. F. Nettles, Jr., and Charles J. Shannon, IV.

The new board members will succeed Julian Burns, H. G. Carrison, Joe Kelly, Jack Whitaker and Lane Woodcock, who were elected last year for a one-year term, and were ineligible for reelection. The four members chosen last year for a two-year term are Floyd Boykin, John Hagins, Joe Jenkins and A. C. McKain.

In his address Mr. Wiggins outlined the progress made in the state in recent years.

"It would be a fair statement, I think, to say that we have achieved in South Carolina, as of this date, the highest standard of living for the largest proportion of our population of any time in our history. We have witnessed

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## Springdale And Carolina Cup Dates Are Set

### Springdale Meet Set For March 11 And Carolina Cup March 25

Announcement was made in New York Sunday by the National Steeplechase and Hunt association that the Carolina Cup, outstanding steeplechase event in the nation annually, would be run at the Springdale course here on Saturday, March 25.

The Springdale meeting will take place on Saturday, March 11, at Springdale, just two weeks before the Carolina classic.

The 1949 race meeting of the Carolina Cup was the most successful in the many years that the classic has prevailed, the card of events not only carrying some of the best jump horses in the country, but the attendance soared above all other cup runnings.

This year, with good weather prevailing, the Springdale and Carolina meetings should establish a new high in attendance, while the outstanding horses now in training here, promises a new record in quality of entries.

The National Steeplechase and Hunt association, considered moving the Carolina cup to April 1, but in view of the schedule of other meetings, embracing the biggest program of hunt racing ever sanctioned by the committee, it was found impractical to make any changes.

Among other meets scheduled after the Springdale on March 11 and Carolina Cup on March 25 are the following:

Deep Run Hunt club, Richmond, Va., April 1; The Virginia Gold Cup association, Warrenton, Va., April 8; Middleburg Hunt Race Assn., Middleburg, Va., April 15; My Lady's Honor Point-to-point, Middleburg, Va., April 15; Middleburg Hunt Race association, Middleburg, April 22; Maryland Hunt Cup assoc., Glyndon, Md., April 29; Tryon Riding and Hunt club, Tryon, N. C., April 29; White Marsh Valley Hunt club, Flourtown, Pa., May 6; Radnor Hunt club, Malvern, Pa., May 13; Rose Tree Fox Hunting club, Media, Pa., May 20; Adjacent Hunts Race meeting, Harrison, N. Y., May 27; Oxmoor meeting, Louisville, Ky., May 27.

Also Mill Creek Hunt, Lake Forest, Ill., June 3; Royalton Steeplechase association, Zionsville, Iowa, June 10; Oak Brook Polo club, Hindale, Ill., June 17; Radnor Hunt, Malvern, Pa., Sept. 23; Rolling Rock Hunt Racing association, Lionport, Pa., Oct. 4 and 7; White Marsh Valley Hunt club, Erdenheim, Farm, Flourtown, Pa., Oct. 14; Rose Tree Fox Hunting club, Media, Pa., Oct. 21; Mammoth County Hunt Racing Assn., Red Bank, N. J., Oct. 29; Essex Fox Hounds, Marsh Hill, N. J., Nov. 4; Middleburg Hunt Race Assn., Middleburg, Va., Nov. 11; Montpelier Hunt, Montpelier Station, Va., Nov. 18.

## City Democrats Will Assemble On Friday Night

### Machinery To Be Set In Motion For Primary For Commissioner

Machinery for the city Democratic primary to be held in March to nominate a candidate for city commissioner will be set in motion on Friday night when a re-organization meeting of the city Democratic club will be held in the Recorder's room at the City Hall at 7:30 o'clock.

Announcement of the meeting was made this week by Marion H. Heyman, who is the present city chairman. Other officers of the club now are C. O. Stogner, Sr., vice chairman; and Lawrence H. Jones, secretary. Present executive committee members are Joe Goodale, A. G. Huggins, W. G. Wilson, H. H. Maddox and T. C. Gladden. The late John T. Nettles was also a member of the committee.

At the meeting Friday night officers and executive committee members will be chosen for the next two years.

It is expected that the new committee will order the first primary for some time in March and the second, if necessary, also in that month. The general election, which will be ordered by the city council, will probably be held in April. The new city commissioner will take office on May 1.

Mr. Karesh has announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election as commissioner because of the fact that he was recently elected president of the Camden hospital.

Thus far there are no announced candidates for the position but it is expected there will be several following the announcement of the dates of the primary.

The commissioner elected this year will serve for a period of four years. Mayor Savage and Commissioner Joe E. McKain were elected two years ago for four year terms.

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## Against Kershaw County Union Charges Are Filed With National Labor Relations Board By National Union

Another development in the cold war between the American Federation of Hosiery Workers and the Kershaw County Knitting and Finishing Association came over the week-end when the national union filed charges of violation of the National Labor Relations Act against the local union and the local union's attorney, Henry Savage, Jr. Charges were also filed against the Jaclyn Hosiery Mill by the national union.

## Town and County . . .

### Gets Law Degree

John C. Langford, of Camden, has graduated in law from the University of South Carolina and has been sworn in as a member of the South Carolina bar.

### Loyal Servant Passes

The family of Mrs. H. S. Steedman of Camden, regrets the recent death of Amelia Morrison, loyal negro, who had served the family for four generations. One member of the Steedman family described the servant as "one of the true Southern Negroes, whose loyalty and service made her respected and appreciated by us all." Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon.

### "Good Enough For Us"

L. W. Bishop, director of the State Planning, Research and Development Board, speaking at the Chamber of Commerce meeting on Thursday night said that the fact that E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Inc., had selected South Carolina for its Orion plant had made it easier for the board to sell the state to other corporations looking for plant sites. "If South Carolina is good enough for DuPont it is good enough for us," he said several corporations had told the board.

### Mr. Slade Here

Arthur Slade, former manager of the Court Inn and also in charge of the Camden Hotel Inn for several years and now located at Sunnyside, New Hampshire, called on friends in Camden Saturday. Mr. Slade was on a visit to Southern Pine and motored to Camden to renew old friendships. Mr. Slade expressed pleasure over the many changes that he noted had taken place in Camden during the short time he has been away. In particular he was impressed by the building program that is in evidence throughout the city.

### R. M. Boykin Dies In New York City

Richard Manning Boykin, 72, born at Carter Hill plantation at Boykin, died Sunday morning in New York City, where he had lived for a good many years. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Burwell H. Boykin of Carter Hill plantation.

Survivors include his widow, the former Caroline Morris of New York City; one daughter, Mary Morris Boykin of New York City, one brother, Dr. I. M. Boykin of Philadelphia, Penn.; and one sister, Mrs. W. R. Capenhart of Carter Hill plantation, Boykin.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday in New York City.

### HIGH AND LOW

The highest reading of the thermometer in Camden during January was 81 on Jan. 25, and the lowest was 23 on Jan. 7 and 8, according to H. A. Brown, the local government weather man.

While the notice from the National Labor Relations Board does not state the basis for the charge it presumably originated from an incident of Jan. 20, when a majority of the employees of the Jaclyn Hosiery Mill are said to have protested against the management of the mill entering into a contract with the American Federation of Hosiery Workers.

The workers are said to have contended that over 70 per cent of the employees of the mill are members of the Kershaw County Knitting and Finishing Association and less than 25 per cent are members of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers and that therefore it was not fair for the American Federation of Hosiery Workers to represent the employees of the mill in the negotiations.

Mr. Savage, commenting on the charge against him, said that he had been employed by the Kershaw County Knitting and Finishing Association as attorney and that he has as both his "moral and professional duty the obligation to advise his clients of his interpretation of their rights and privileges under the law and that all such advice, and conversations are privileged under the law and cannot legally form the basis for any charge."

Continuing Mr. Savage said that "from the indefiniteness and utter lack of factual basis for the charges made, it is apparent that the charges were simply made to delay and impede the Kershaw County Knitting and Finishing Association in its effort to get a determination of its legal rights under the act and therefore should be dismissed on the ground that they were made for the purpose of harassing and for no other purpose."

"If the law," said Mr. Savage, "has descended to the point that Section 7 of the National Labor Relations Act can be construed as forbidding an attorney to advise his clients of their rights under the act and other laws, then with modification for the law and the future of our country, I freely and proudly admit my guilt."

The incident of Jan. 20, which is supposed to have precipitated the charges made by the American Federation of Hosiery Workers against the local union, occurred when W. Cedric Stallings of Spartanburg, and J. J. McCoy of Greensboro, representatives of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, met with the management of the Jaclyn Mill to negotiate a contract, the mill having been ordered by the National Labor Relations Board to negotiate such a contract.

Shortly after the federation officials and mill management had begun their session, the employees of the mill demanded to be heard. Thirty-eight of them (the mill has only 60 employees eligible to membership) walked into the room to demonstrate to the management that an overwhelming majority of the employees were members of the Kershaw County Knitting and Finishing Association and not of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers. Each one of the 38 employees told the negotiators that they were members of the Kershaw County Association and that they did not

## Safe Is Stolen From Building

Removing a heavy 800 pound safe from the Erwin-Hermitage super store on U. S. Highway No. 1 in the village of Lewisville, just east of the Camden city limits, early Sunday morning, burglars took it to an obscure beach on Hermitage lake where they used cold chisels and sledge hammers to force it open and get at the contents.

Discovery of the burglary was made shortly after daylight when evidence of a break-in at the rear door was discovered. The safe, located in the front of the store and near a window had been pushed the entire length of the building, out on a rear platform and then presumably on to a truck. The marauders then drove to the public bathing beach at Hermitage Lake to complete the job of looting.

While the sheriff's office was occupied with the Irwin-Hermitage burglary Sunday the city police were investigating two break-ins, one being the office of Attorney Henry Savage, Jr., Camden mayor, and the other of the Marshall grocery store on Halle street. So far as could be ascertained only money to the amount of \$3 was missing to the amount had been thoroughly ransacked. Police were notified of the break-in by the janitor. Entrance had been made through a door leading into the public hallway.

At the Marshall grocery entrance had been effected by forcing a front door. So far as could be learned, nothing had been taken.

## T. B. Association Needs Only About \$100 For Quota

The Kershaw County Tuberculosis Association lacks just a little over \$100 of reaching its goal of \$3,000, according to an announcement by Mrs. Granger Geither, chairman of the Christmas Seal campaign.

While the association had set a goal of \$4,000 in the recent campaign because it was felt that that amount was needed to do all of the work that should be done, the absolutely necessary quota was \$3,000 and latest reports show that just a little over \$100 is needed to reach that amount.

The announcement is made by Mrs. Geither that any who have neglected to make returns for their stamps or have neglected to purchase bonds but still desire to do so may make their remittances yet and thus enable the association to raise the remaining small amount needed.

"The association has need for every cent it can get in order to do the job that is cut out for it," Mrs. Geither said, "and while we had hoped to raise \$4,000 so as to put it in still better condition to wage its fight against tuberculosis in this county, the association can continue the work it has been doing on the \$3,000 quota and we sincerely hope that contributions will yet come in so that the \$3,000 will be raised."

The Camden Collector's Club will hold its regular bi-weekly meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 1, in the Hunt room of the Sarafield hotel with the Junior-Beginners section meeting at 7:30 and the Adult section scheduled for 8:15 p. m.

A demonstration in the use of Philatelic tools and the methods of identifying similar stamps will be given at each section. It is planned to have the Adult section in a short session so that members who desire may attend the March of Dimes Ball later the same evening.

All stamp and coin collectors in the vicinity are invited to attend this and all regular meetings of the Collector's Club.

### CUB SCOUT MEETING

Percy Mays, Camden Cub Scout leader, announced that the Cub's King Arthur's Round-Table meeting will be held at the Episcopal Parish House Thursday night at 7:30, rather than at the Army as previously planned. Parents and persons interested in seeing the cubs go through their program, sturdily outfitted in "medieval armor," are cordially invited to attend.

## Concert Group Names Officers

### Harold Funderburk Will Serve As President For Ensuing Year

At the annual meeting of the Camden Community Concert Association held Friday night, Harold Funderburk was elected president for the ensuing year. He succeeds Rev. A. D. McAra, who has served as president the past year.

Other officers elected are: Dr. A. W. Humphries, first vice president; Mrs. Warren H. Harris, second vice president; Rev. Stiles B. Lines, third vice president; Mrs. R. S. Kirk, secretary, and Mrs. E. P. Guy, treasurer.

Re-elected to the board of directors were the above officers and J. K. deLoach, A. Stanley Llewellyn, Mrs. Herbert Spell, Mrs. R. B. Pitts, Jr., Mrs. W. G. Salmond, Mrs. C. B. Salmond, Mrs. Granger Geither, Mrs. A. D. McAra, Sam Karesh, Rev. A. D. McAra, Mrs. J. G. Richards, Jr., Mrs. J. E. Zemp, R. M. Kennedy, Mrs. A. C. McKain, A. C. McKain, Edwin P. Guy, Mrs. E. P. Guy, Mrs. J. W. Brunson, Mrs. L. B. Kirkland and Harold Booker.

Mrs. Warren Harris was reappointed general chairman of the membership campaign, which will be held March 6-11.

Mrs. A. C. McKain was appointed presentation chairman.

The directors will entertain the Revelers at a buffet supper at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Brunson after the concert Tuesday night. The expenses of the entertainment of artists brought to the city are provided by the directors personally and not taken from association funds.

## 1950 Program For Agriculture

### Fifteen Points Listed To Become Program In This County

A 15-point 1950 agricultural program for South Carolina has been announced jointly by the South Carolina State Agricultural Committee and the Clemson College Extension Service.

The points, which are briefly stated in the announcement, were included after careful study of suggestions from the 46 county agricultural committees of the state. The program is aimed at an improvement in general welfare and better farm living in the state.

In announcing the program, G. B. Hawkins, Greenwood, president of the State Agricultural Committee, and D. W. Watkins, director, Clemson Extension Service, point out that the purpose of the program is to provide a short, concise, overall statement of agricultural goals for South Carolina in 1950. They explain that the statements in the program are very brief but that the details will be supplied at appropriate times throughout the year.

The program opens with a suggestion for complete farm planning. This suggestion is "Meet high costs, acreage adjustments, and lower prices by planning the entire farm to make the best use of land, labor and equipment by efficient production to meet market demands." It closes with a suggestion on health and recreation as follows: "Plan for better family and community health through improved housing, nutrition and rural health and recreational facilities."

The other points in the program are listed under the following headings: Food and feed; soil conservation and improvement; farm and home equipment; livestock, dairying and poultry; cotton; tobacco; fruits and vegetables; forestry; seeds and plants; pests and diseases; marketing facilities; farm homes and other buildings; and farm boys and girls.

The state program will become the county program in each county of the state with certain changes to make it applicable to the conditions or problems in the given county. These changes have been made by the county agricultural committees which are composed of leading farm men and women and the county workers of the various agricultural agencies or organizations in the respective counties.

## Evening Of Music

### Revelers Open Concert Series Tuesday Night

Echoes of applause and critics' praise from a long series of concert performances will follow The Revelers, of the World's Most Famous Quartet, to Camden Tuesday night for their first appearance here and the opening act of the 1950 Community Concert series.

The concert, which is scheduled at 8:30 p. m. in the Camdentown school auditorium after to Camden concert series a program varied to appeal to every music lover. The Revelers believe heartedly in singing in their own language and in their repertoire for male quartets, and the like, they sing lovely arrangements especially for them by pianist Felucci.

They have been overwhelmed with praise on every hand from the big public, congratulated here on their English dialect and again by the high school boys and girls who have been so kind to hear. The repertoire is enormous, from songs in careful translation, by Schubert

## Has Unique Home Housing Problem Is No Problem To Local Man

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The housing situation doesn't bother John Stephens. In fact, firmly lodged in his niche on the banks of the Wateree the way he is, he can well afford to mock the rent column scammers, and the would-be home owners.

For well over a year now, John Stephens has been exercising his riparian rights. All alone, except for his part-bull pup, Butch, he lives in the shack fashioned from his own hands and his own ingenuity, fishes and hunts to earn the \$3 to 4 dollars he says he requires per week for groceries, and practices his philosophy—"All I want is for people to like me, and to like other people."

The riverside shack that Mr. Stephens calls home is a masterpiece of creative vision. A J-shaped concrete abutment once served as the east-side foundation for the old U. S. Highway No. 1 Waterree River Bridge. In 1916, this bridge was washed away, however, and only the U-shaped concrete base remained. Then along came Mr. Stephens with his shovel, cleared six feet of dirt from inside the foundation, fashioned a tin roof over the top, closed up the open end, and set up housekeeping.

"If my house ever washes away, as the feller says, it's gonna be bad times," Mr. Stephens says, grinning and pointing to his quarters, three walls of which are solid concrete.

When asked why he decided to take up his present isolated form of life, the 57-year-old fisherman gave the reason and added "there was no much noise up there in town for me anyway, so I just moved my stuff out here."

Mr. Stephens says he has not had a day's sickness since he took up his new way of life, except an occasional headache on Sunday mornings.

According to Mr. Stephens, he had a dog up until a month ago that was worth an average of \$2 a day. With some selling for \$150, squirrels at 30c and rabbits at 75c, the dog was able to well earn his board by his animal-chasing prowess. He ran away, however, and hasn't been seen since.

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